

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant	:	George F. Kick, et al.
App. No	:	10/728,728
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For	:	EXPANDABLE PERCUTANEOUS SHEATH
Examiner	:	Sarah A. Simpson
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**Amendment and Response to Final Office Action Dated February 19, 2009, Accompanying  
Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

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Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action, dated February 19, 2009, Applicants respectfully submit the following.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Summary of Interview** begins on page 9 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.